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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Academic Family Medicine Advocacy Alliance, we urge you to support *The Affordable Health Choices Act*. The AAFP has called for fundamental reform of the US health care system for two decades and we commend members of the committee for their leadership and commitment to find solutions to this complex national priority.

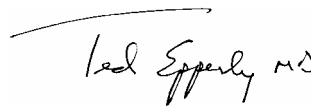
In general, we are supportive of many sections of this legislation:

- Health care coverage for all; insurance plan changes and subsidies for people to purchase meaningful coverage;
- Incentives for care management and coordination;
- Comparative effectiveness research;
- Grants to establish community health teams to support a medical home model;
- Numerous workforce provisions, including robust primary care training, a new national workforce commission and student loan funding.
- Community health insurance options to allow individuals to purchase high quality, affordable insurance.

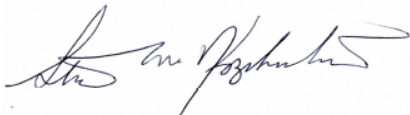
Now is the time to provide affordable, high-quality health care coverage. The status quo is not working. We urge HELP committee members to pass the *Affordable Health Choices Act*.



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